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DR. FREEMAN RETIRES

The activities of Dr. Douglas S. Freeman are and have been so varied that the announcement that he plans to cease one of them does not justify our heading: "Dr. Freeman Retires." Yet, his service as editor of the Richmond News Leader has been so important to the life of the Old Dominion that to many of us he will be in "retirement" when his able editorials no longer adorn the pages of that voluminous journal. He has announced plans to leave that field of activity June 30, and devote his time to historical and biographical writings, lectures, etc.

Your editor considers that in Dr. Freeman of the News Leader, Mr. Dabney of the Times-Dispatch and Dr. Jaffe of the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, Virginia has been blessed with three of the top American editorial writers of our time.

In recent years we have sensed a growing conservative outlook in the News Leader editorial page, but the smartly composed discussions it has presented, supported by an amazing orderliness and thoroughness have made it "must" reading. It may be a long time ere Virginia will develop one who brings to the tasks and chores of an editor such diverse talents and such brilliant and penetrating analysis as did Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman.

NEEDED REFORM

Regardless of one's position in the current political campaign in Virginia, one must agree in principle with the organization known as the Virginia Council of Business set up last week to study and make recommendations on the tax situation in the Old Dominion.

It appears to us that the tax picture in Virginia is murky.

Levying of taxes not necessary for a balanced budget to build up huge surplusses - which come in handy in an election year - is not sound business.

A more equitable system for the distribution of state aid funds seems desirable. There seems to be gross inequality in local tax bases and contributions.

The system of depending upon surplusses for capital outlay expenditures does not appear businesslike. A pattern of underestimating income has run through Virginia fiscal policy too long to be luck. It is hard to appropriate wisely when you are away off in estimates of income. The passing of appropriations conditional upon the existence of surplusses is sound in that it prevents deficits, but it is an unsound method of providing for capital outlay.

All these and other points made by leading manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and service trades have a ring of verity and should have the impartial study their importance. Now is an ideal time to bring the Virginia tax system into the open and to press for reform.

This new group claims that Virginia "has the sixth highest corporate income tax in the nation, ranks among the top 10 states in tax on individual income; levies a steep license fee on distributors," etc.

THE POST OFFICE

AS A BUSINESS

(New York Times)

President Truman has made a proposal which would horrify past generations of American politicians, if they could be here to listen to it. This is nothing less than to take the Post Office Department out of politics. At the present time this Department, with about 490,000 employees, is the largest business in the Western world. Of its 42,000 postmasters about half are under civil service. There remain more than 21,000 who are nominally appointed by the President, subject to Senate confirmation. Of course, the President does not weigh the individual merits of candidates for 21,000 postmasterships. He takes the advice of the Senator or the most influencial party leader in the district in which the particular post office is situated. The job is habitually given to deserving Democrats or deserving Republicans, as the case may be. In many instances the appointee is probably just as good as he would be if he had been chosen on merit alone, but the system is not a merit system.

Mr. Truman now suggests that the Postmaster General make all appointments of postmasters and other postal employees, "subject only to the provisions of the Civil Service and Classification Acts." In 1947 the President set a good example by appointing Jesse M. Donaldson, a former mail carrier, to the office of Postmaster General, long considered a sinecure for a man whose main activity would be in the political vineyard.

The President also suggests that the Post Office be broug under the terms of the Government Corporation Control Act of 1945. If this is done the Department can simplify and unify its budget and audit systems and no doubt save money. At the same time, postal rates would be adjusted to eliminate the current deficit of about $400,000,000. Any such adjustment will raise serious problems. None the less there seems to be no good reason why a well-managed non-political Post Office Department should not pay its own way.

The President's recommendations follow those he made the other day in accordance with the Reorganization Act. They are in line with the report of the Hoover Commission. We don't see why members of Congress, who are pestered by patronage demands, should not be willing to have this part of the load taken off their shoulders. They should also take some interest in the almost certain economies possible under the new plan.

THE GREAT

APPALACHIAN VALLEY

(Washington Evening Star)

If the Great Appalachian Valley were in Switzerland or Austria, Americans visiting it would return home praising it to the skies. But because it is within easy commuting distance of the Atlantic seaboard cities of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington it generally is taken for granted, rarely praised. An article by Catherine Bell Palmer in the National Geographic Magazine for July, richly abetted by color photographs by Justin Locke, serves to correct the common neglect.

The whole long furrow, running almost the entire distance from close to the Canadian border to Alabama, is historic. Through it moved the men and women who made the West. The War Between the States was fought along its corridor. Today it is the scene of vast industrial developments undreamed by its inhabitants of less than half a century ago. But its natural beauty is being preserved. Parks, the campuses of many schools, hundreds of farms under modern scientific cultivation, orchards cared for systematically—all these combine to keep the valley green.

But credit particularly is due to those individuals who have maintained the tradition of the "landed gentry" of the past. Included in the roll of honor are those who have restored and improved the houses once owned by pioneers who shared the taste and refinement of the Georgian period. These latter-day patrons of the valley, especially in Virginia, have contributed generously to its attraction, often at considerable sacrifice.

Times have changed, of course, since Thomas Jefferson paid George III 20 shillings for the Natural Bridge and 157 acres of adjacent terrain. Yet the Blue Ridge is much the same as when it first was seen by Europeans. The National Geographic presentation suggests that it is the fact of continuing grandeur which makes the valley so compelling an influence upon its people. Massanutten wears well. Now industries, new towns, new sources of wealth and health and happiness may be created in the Applachian area, but its character as a treasury of nature does not change.

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ADVERTISING FOR LAWYERS

(The Portsmouth Star)

A distinct departure from previous practice is the Virginia State Bar's decision to advertise the legal profession.

The bar proposes to launch, in the words of its special committee on public information, "advertising campaigns in keeping with the ethics of the legal profession for the purpose of acquainting the lay public with the services the profession is able to render."

The committee also reported:

"The real purpose of the resolution (appointing the committee) was to inquire and report on ways and means of bringing before the public the services lawyers can render to offset the effect of the advertising of lay agencies which have taken away from the legal profession much of the lucrative business have enjoyed in the past."

This step taken by the legal profession of Virginia actually is defensive strategy. Those businesses in competition with lawyers have profited greatly from advertising while the legal profession, refraining from what was regarded as an unorthodox method, has suffered thereby.

Even aside from these facts, however, the Virginia Bar, like all large organizations in our complex society, needs good public relations: That the lawyers have recognized this fact and adopted appropriate measures is to their credit.

Death toll on Virginia highways passes 330 mark for 1949.

Apartment project is planned in Lynchburg.

Durocher draws fine and five-day suspension for dispute with umps.

New veterans' aid bill being prepared in House.

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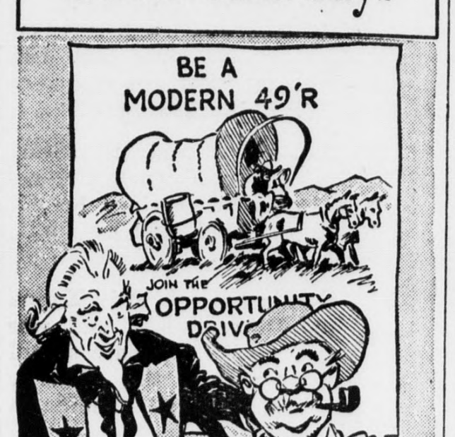

The original 49'er risked life itself in the trek to California seeking opportunity and security. Today, Americans can provide for a secure future during the U. S. Savings Bonds Opportunity Drive now in progress. Instead of having to use a covered wagon, an original of which you will see in principal American cities during the drive, your opportunity will be found right at home.

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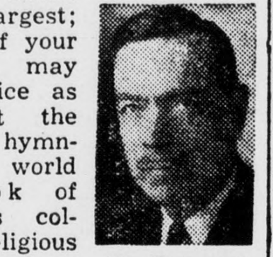
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 145: 1-10.

Songs for All Hearts

Lesson for July 3, 1949

THE greatest hymn-book in the world is to be our study for three months. Not the oldest; that honor belongs to the Vedic Hymns of ancient India. Not the largest; the hymnal of your own church may easily be twice as large. But the greatest hymn-book in the world is the book of Psalms. This collection of religious poems was used as the hymn-book of the temple which was built when the Jewish exiles returned to Babylon. It was the hymn-book of Herod's temple, and we know our Lord used and loved it. It is indeed the song-book of the Bible. It was the only hymnal which the first Christians used, for some time. Indeed the book of Psalms is probably the only hymn-book honored and used by three separate religions—Judaism, Mohammedanism and Christianity.



Dr. Foreman

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How It Grew

LIKE all hymnals, this book of Psalms grew by degrees. It was not written all at one time or by one person. David wrote some of the Psalms, how many we do not know. The "titles" of the Psalms were added by later Hebrew editors, are no part of the original Psalms, and are often inaccurate.

It is very likely that as much as a thousand years went by between the first of the Psalms to be written, and the last. Every modern hymnal that is any good is in part a collection of the best of the old hymnals.

So our book of Psalms, as it finally took shape, came from older collections. A glance through it in the American standard version will show that in its present form it is made up of five smaller books, ending with Psalms 41, 72, 89, 106 and 150. Each book ends with a doxology and book V ends with a magnificent series of them. Sometimes the editors left in duplicates. Reading Psalm 14 side by side with Psalm 53 will show that these two are exactly the same, only using different names for God. At least one of the Psalms is made up of "clippings" from earlier Psalms: thus Psalm 108 is made up from Psalm 57:7-11 and Psalm 60:5-12. The Psalms were cherished and preserved generation after generation because of their heart-appeal. Our Psalm book has gone through centuries of sifting; many were dropped out and forgotten, but the best were saved and sung; and what we have is the cream of the best of the singers of Israel.

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Mirror of Man

JOHN CALVIN called the Psalms the "mirror of the soul." All the varied moods of man—hope, despair, triumph, envy, doubt, aspiration, loneliness, hatred, fear, irritation, patriotism, joy, bitterness, weariness, amazement, anguish, rapture—almost every emotion that can be felt toward God or man breathes somewhere or other in these Psalms.

Since not one of the authors of the Psalms was a Christian, of course, we should not be surprised to find, here and there, expressions (for example) of hatred which are out of harmony with the spirit and teaching of Jesus. The wonder is that there is so little of that kind of thing.

For every Psalm in which the poet says something cruel or hateful (e. g. Psalm 137:9 or 109:6:14), there are scores that breathe a spirit of gentleness and grace. For every note of despair (Psalm 88 is the only completely gloomy one in the whole collection), there are many hallelujahs of hope and gladness.

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Message of God

IF the Psalms are so human, how can they be also God's Word? Yet they are also, truly, a message of God. For they not only cast a divine light on the state of man's heart, but they show what the life of man is when God becomes real. For God was real to each poet who contributed to this great book. In latter weeks this summer we shall be looking at the Psalms from various special angles. This week it will be helpful to sit quietly with the three typical Psalms, 1, 67 and 100, and as you ponder over each one in turn, ask yourself: What does this show me about God? What does this show about life when it turns to God?

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Mortgage Debt In Va. Increases

Virginia was one of five states on the Atlantic seaboard where the farm mortgage debt increased more than 10 per cent from January 1948 to January 1949, said Dr. Harry Love, head of the department of agricultural economics at V. P. I. The increase in Virginia was 11.7 per cent.

Citing the latest farm-mortgage report issued by the USDA Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Dr. Love also said that Virginia was one of four states in the Atlantic seaboard area where farm mortgage debt increased more than 30 per cent frmo January 1946 to January 1949. State figures for that period show a 34.9 increase.

In the country as a whole, the debt was larger by 4.6 per cent in January 1948, and was up by 9 per cent from the low point reached early in 1946.

The January 1949 figures show that Virginia's total farm-mortgage debt was $87,265,000 - an increase of $25,500,000 in the last five years and within 6 per cent of the largest amount in 40 years.

Dr. Love reported that lending agencies that let farmers pay loans off as fast as they want are finding a great decline in the rate of repayment. Some lenders say that while the rate of repayment during recent years ran from 20 to 30 per cent annually, it is now down to less than half that amount.

Dr. Love pointed out that reports from lenders show farmers applying for mortgage loans to cover their short term, unsecured obligations. Many farmers seem to recognize the desirability of consolidating their oblig ting them on a shor is quite possible th also are asking for

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Group seeks to d housing bill.

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June 27.- Farmers are ing tobacco.

n Ranson and Miss Doris ilson were helping in the ation Bible School last Evergreen.

T. Marsh was quite sick day.

Mrs. L. C. Elder called and Mrs. G. T. Marsh day afternoon.

Goin spent last Sunday parents, Mr. and Mrs.

nry Goin went to Farm- day.

aldwin was visiting her J. Henry Wilkerson, of unday afternoon.

ation Bible School will ocks on July 18. All par ked to start now getting n ready to attend on

y Inge will be principal G. Carter assistant.

Mrs. L. E. Dickerson called to see Mr. and Ranson awhile Thurs- on.

Mrs. Toby Inge and e called to see Mr. and Roach awhile one night

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Capt. Covington was combining J. F. Ranson's wheat last week.

Mrs. R. C. Baldwin was not so well last week.

Mrs. John Gilliam, of Pamplin is spending some time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson.

Richwood

Richwood, June 28.- Divine services at Central Baptist Church at 11 A. M. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Godsey and baby were the guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Giles.

Misses Elvie and Essie Fields, of Richmond are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pentecost were in Lynchburg on business Saturday.

Sam Cordell and son, James were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cordell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wooldridge and children visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul May were in Lynchburg on business Monday.

J. D. Cawthorne, of Lynchburg, was the dinner guest Sunday of Miss Estelle Wooldridge and family.

William Fleshman is enjoying a two-week stay with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blackwell.

Mrs. Henry Fleshman and son, J. H. were in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carey, of Lynchburg were Sunday guests of Floyd Trent. Mrs. Carey is Mr. Trent's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Brown and children, who have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Brown for two weeks, returned to their home in Lexington, Kentucky, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Arrington and son, Murray Arrington, of Richmond visited with friends in Washington, D. C., over the week-end.

N. & W announces lay-off of 3,200 persons.

New dollar crisis threatens more severe British economy.

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Liberal Party wins election in Canada by large margin.

Large counterfeit ring smashed in Washington.

Evergreen

Evergreen, June 29.- Bible School closed here Friday night with a nice program. B. T. U. members from the Baptist Church, and a number from the local Methodist Church all went to Holliday Lake Saturday afternoon on a picnic. They had a very nice time.

Prayer meeting here at the Methodist Church Sunday night, which was conducted by Mrs. Jessie Carwile, was very interesting and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Massie, of Newport News spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Chocklett.

A. B. Ferguson is spending some time with his daughter, Mrs. Howard Glover and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tolley, of Amherst were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner.

Howard Glover celebrated his birthday Sunday. and the Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were Sunday dinner guests in this home.

Mrs. Bob Shanks was the week-end guest of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Farrar.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. H B. Stanley were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

Hector Cawthorn, of Roanoke, spent a few days last week with his sister, Mrs. Sam Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C Staples spent last Thursday night with their daughter and family, Mr and Mrs. Sam White, in Lynchburg.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover, Bessie Ann Glover and Juanita Harris called to see Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover awhile Sunday evening.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, June 29.- Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coleman and family attended the Ferguson family reunion which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gunter, of Roanoke Sunday.

David Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett is at home on a 30-day visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson, Mrs. David Harvey and Mrs. Ernest Ferguson visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds on Tuesday night.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Jr. Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie D. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and family.

Mildred Ann and Alice Faye Thornhill spent Sunday and Monday with Gloria Ann Lewis.

4-H Club Short Course held in Blacksburg this week.

Phone 30 with Personals.

Australia having coal strike.

Turkey may call assembly to fight developing revolt.

State Senator Garland Gray is named to board of trustees at the University of Richmond.

Funds provided for road repair in National Forests.

Ex-Premier of Spain dies in Madrid.

Russians now claim to have invented submarine.

Argentina and Britain sign trade agreement.

Russians halt truck convoy.

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Freeze instead of Can

It's easier . . . and you enjoy fresh, peak-of-goodness flavor! Freeze the fruits and vegetables from your own garden and save time and money!

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